

Internal Audit Progress Report

REPORT TO AUDIT AND STANDARDS COMMITTEE



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PURPOSE

1. To inform members of the work undertaken by Internal Audit for the period 1st October to 31st December 2016.

RECOMMENDATION

2. The Committee considers the progress report and comments on its contents.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

3. Members can monitor the performance of the Internal Audit Section.

SUMMARY OF KEY POINTS

Audit Reports

4. From 1st October to 31st December 2016 there have been 2 audit reports produced. Details of Burnley Council audits are given in **Appendix 1**. One audit report was completed for Burnley Leisure.

Performance Statistics

5. The comparison between actual and planned audits can be seen in **Appendix 2**. A number of audits have started, and to date have been completed but due to timing will form part of later quarter statistics to be reported.
6. Performance indicators for Internal Audit are reported in the Finance balance scorecard. The service currently reports the number of audit reports produced – 11 against an annual target of 22 and the percentage of high-priority actions from audit action plans implemented which was 100% and has a target of 100%.

Other Activity

7. In quarter 3 two members of Internal Audit delivered a training session to officers of the Council on Financial Procedure Rules. This complements the online learning module available to all members and officers.

8. The Internal Audit Manager took part in a peer review of a neighbouring local authority's Internal Audit section. Burnley's Internal Audit is planned for a peer review in May 2017. The external review is essential for compliance with the standards which is proper practice and required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. This approach has been agreed with other Lancashire Authorities and meets the Public Sector Internal Audit Standards.
9. In accordance with the Support Services Agreement; Internal Audit has provided audit services to Burnley Leisure for the third year.
10. Work continued in supporting various projects and working groups including the Financial Transformation Project, risk management, business continuity management, information governance and in the selection of a Housing joint venture partner.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS AND BUDGET PROVISION

11. None

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

12. None

DETAILS OF CONSULTATION

13. None

BACKGROUND PAPERS

14. None

FURTHER INFORMATION

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